

House Political Subdivisions Committee

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Bill: 2nd substitute SB 201 - Shelter Animal Euthanasia Amendments

Sponsor: Senator Grover

Floor Sponsor: Representative Loubet

UASD Position: Track

This Bill deals with the treatment of dogs and cats in an animal shelter.

Discussion: The sponsor presented the 2nd substitute to SB 201, explaining that the substitute clarifies that the method of providing required notification is to be established and chosen by the individual animal shelters. The substitute also requires that a rescue group collect an animal within two days after receiving notice from a shelter and clarifies the release from liability in situations involving bad actors. The 2nd substitute was adopted by the Committee. The sponsor further stated that animal control officers are not directly impacted by the provisions of the Bill.

During public comment, two members of the public and the Utah Animal Control Officers Association expressed opposition. Weber County Animal Services and Salt Lake County Animal Services spoke in support of the Bill.

Yeas: 5

Nays: 4

N/V: 3

Outcome: 2nd substitute SB 201 passed out of Committee with a favorable recommendation.

Bill: 1st substitute SB 284 - Local Land Use Modifications

Sponsor: Senator Fillmore

Floor Sponsor: Representative Koford

UASD Position: Track

This Bill modifies provisions related to land use.

Discussion:

Yeas:

Nays:

N/V:

Outcome: 1st substitute SB 284 was not heard in the Committee today.